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SUBJECT: US FIRM MAY BUILD MOTELS; MAJID ADHAM EMERGING AS KEY
ECONOMIC OFFICIAL

1. AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN TOLD USINT JULY 4 THAT U.S. ENGINEERING
ARCHITECT CONSORTIUM MADE UP OF JAMES REAM AND ASSOCIATES OF
SAN FRANCISCO AND DENVER FIRM WILL SOON SIGN TURNKEY CONTRACT
FOR SIX MOTELS (4 NEAR BAGHDAD, 2 IN BASRA) VALUED AT ABOUT
\$12 MILLION. NEGOTIATIONS HAD BEEN CONDUCTED PRINCIPALLY THROUGH
MAJID ADHAM, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE.

2. COMMENT: MAJID ADHAM IS YOUNG, IRAQI EDUCATED, AND ONLY
RECENTLY HAS SURFACED AS KEY ASSISTANT TO SEC GEN OF FOLLOW-UP
COMMITTEE ADNAN HAMDANI. HE DEPARTED FOR CHINA AND NORTH KOREA
JULY 3 IS MEMBER OF DEL LED BY VICE-PRESIDENT MAROUF. AS DEPT
AWARE SADDAM HUSSEIN IS CHAIRMAN OF FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE AND IT
HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR OIL POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION OF LAW
157 TO EXPEDITE MAJOR PROJECTS AND ALL NEW CONTRACTS WITH FOREIGN
FIRMS MUST BE APPROVED BY IT BEFORE SIGNATURE. ACCORDING TO
AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN, MAJID ADHAM IS BEING GROOMED TO BECOME
CHAIRMAN OF INOC WITHIN FEW MONTHS.
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